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The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C.  
United States of America 20231

**Amendment and Response to Official Action**

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 4, 2004, kindly amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.